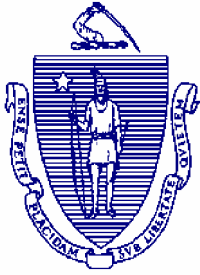


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, November 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

2006 Student Drug Testing Program

Application Deadline: November 14, 2005

Massachusetts Governor's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act grant will make available funds for a Local Education Agency (LEA) or private school, faith-based organization, or nonprofit (501c3) community-based group interested in implementing a school-based "Student Drug-Testing" program. These funds are available on a competitive basis to eligible applicants who develop and implement, or expand, school-based mandatory random or voluntary drug-testing programs for students in one or more grades 6-12. There will be approximately \$100,000 in funding available for student drug-testing programs.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding
click on Justice and Education

Other Funding Opportunities

2005 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories

Application Deadline: November 14, 2005

"The 2005 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories is part of a continuing effort by BJS to expand statistical activities related to the forensic sciences. The 2005 census will document changes in workload and backlog since the 2002 census, and will include an additional range of more detailed questions relating to DNA analysis. The census will obtain information about the personnel, functions, workload, and needs of public crime laboratories operating in the United States. A draft census data collection instrument and preliminary respondent list (approximately 375 respondents) will be provided by BJS."

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/cpffcl05sol.htm>

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Data Resources Program 2005: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data
Application Deadline: November 15, 2005

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requests proposals to replicate findings from previous research or conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. The archive houses quantitative and qualitative data from NIJ’s sponsored research and makes it available online as downloadable, machine-readable files, together with data dictionaries and study abstracts. The archive is maintained by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan and supported by NIJ. NIJ is particularly interested in secondary analysis that informs criminal justice policy and practice. Proposed research should either replicate original findings or, preferably, test new hypotheses with existing data. NIJ prefers research that asks compelling crime and justice questions, rather than research that furthers statistical methods or refinement of datasets.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000712.pdf>

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The National Institute of Justice FY 06 Concept Papers

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking concept papers for research and development in the following topic areas:

Topic Area	Application Deadline
Forensic Science Research and Development Targeting Forensic Engineering, Forensic Pathology, Forensic Odontology, Trace Evidence, Controlled Substances, and Questioned Documents	November 9, 2005
Sensors and Surveillance	November 17, 2005
Forensic DNA Research and Development	November 17, 2005
Biometric Technologies	November 17, 2005
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Modeling and Simulation Research and Development: Software for Improved Operations, Operational Modeling, Speech-to-Text Recognition, and Training Technologies	November 23, 2005
Pursuit Management Technologies	November 23, 2005
Forensic Toxicology Research and Development	November 23, 2005

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000715.pdf>

2006 Community Awareness Projects

Application Deadline: November 18, 2005

“The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) offers funding to aid communities in conducting public awareness initiatives during National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2006 (April 23–29, 2006). The theme of this year's celebration is "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity." OVC will reimburse approximately 60 communities up to \$5,000 to aid them in conducting public awareness initiatives. Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, tribal organizations, and community coalitions committed to advocating for the rights and services of crime victims are encouraged to apply.”

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/2006NCVRWfund/welcome.html>

Get the Word Out Mini-Grants: Youth Action Initiative

Application Deadline: December 2, 2005

“The Medical Foundation’s Youth Action Initiative (YAI) is leading the statewide youth movement against tobacco use in partnership with the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. YAI will award grants to local youth groups committed to tobacco use prevention. Youth groups associated with schools, churches, teen centers, community groups or other agencies are encouraged to apply.

Grants are available at two different levels:

Level I: Community Mobilization and Education Youth Action Projects \$1,400 (50 grants available)

Level II: Policy Promotion Youth Action Projects \$10,000 (5 grants available)”

For more information: www.MakeSmokingHistory.org

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

Application Deadline: January 13, 2006

The Department of Homeland Security’s Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) will help provide smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agencies with equipment items that will enhance and support regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment. Equipment available in this phase includes defensive and protective equipment, detection, search and rescue equipment, information sharing and risk assessment software, and interoperable communications technology. Eligible applicants include agencies and departments not currently receiving funding from UASI regions. Agencies and departments in suburban, rural and border areas are encouraged to apply for equipment that will be used to respond through mutual aid and to protect infrastructure in those areas. Information will be available at the link below starting November 7, 2005.

For more information: www.rkb.mipt.org

Research and Publications

Intelligence-Led Policing: The New Intelligence Architecture

Bureau of Justice Assistance

This recently released publication looks at the different ways that law enforcement agencies can enhance their intelligence operations for homeland security, traditional enforcement, and crime prevention, regardless of the sophistication of their current intelligence operations. The meaning of intelligence is explored and basic steps to developing intelligence capability and examples of intelligence practices are provided.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/IntelLedPolicing.pdf>

Criminal Victimization, 2004

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This annual report presents estimates of national levels and rates of victimization for 2004 using the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Property and violent crime rates are discussed by victim characteristics, crime type, weapons use, reporting to police and victim/offender relationship. Trends in victimization from 1993-2004 are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cv04.htm>

Crime Analysis for Problem Solvers in 60 Small Steps

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

This new COPS manual was designed for crime analysts and other police officials working on problem-oriented policing projects. The basics of problem-oriented policing are explained and new ways to analyze crime patterns are provided to help sharpen understanding of crime and disorder problems. Different ways to assess the effectiveness of the action taken are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1597>

Engaging the Private Sector To Promote Homeland Security: Law Enforcement-Private Security Partnerships

Bureau of Justice Assistance

This publication explains why law enforcement-private security partnerships are essential to the prevention of terrorism and the protection of the nation's infrastructure. The background of law-enforcement-private security partnerships is reviewed and reasons that these partnerships are important to homeland security are discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/EngagingPrivateSector.pdf>

HIV in Prisons, 2003

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This recently released bulletin summarizes HIV-positive and active AIDS cases among State and Federal prisoners at the end of 2003. The annual bulletin also includes a profile of the inmates who died, the number of female and male prisoners who were HIV-positive, and a comparison of AIDS rates for the general and prisoner populations.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/hivp03.htm>

Office for Victims of Crime Report to the Nation 2005

Office for Victims of Crime

This report describes the activities and achievements of the Office for Victims of Crime during Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004. Victim's needs are outlined and the ways that OVC is helping to address these needs are discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ovc.gov/welcovc/reporttonation2005/ReporttoNation05full.pdf>

Assessing and Managing the Terrorism Threat

Bureau of Justice Assistance

This monograph presents the essential components of risk assessment and management. These components include: criticality, threat, vulnerability assessment, countermeasure identification, risk calculation, and critical infrastructure. The taxing demands on law enforcement to collect, assess, disseminate and act on intelligence information regarding all types of terror threats are discussed. Promising programs, software, and training opportunities are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/TerrorThreat.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction: What Works & How You Can Implement It

EOPS is in the process of planning a disproportionate minority contact (DMC) conference for May 2006 and is looking for ideas as we develop the conference agenda. DMC, which refers to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, exists in Massachusetts and across the nation. The purpose of this conference is to help local government and non-governmental agencies that serve youth to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that help to reduce DMC. What do you need to know in order to reduce DMC in your community? How can we make this conference useful for your community coalition, youth-serving agency, local law enforcement department, etc? Please contact Elizabeth Spinney, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us with your comments, advice and suggestions.

American Society of Criminology: The Interdisciplinary Roots and Branches of Criminology **November 15-19, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario**

The American Society of Criminology invites all practitioners, academics and students to discuss the measurement and detection of crime, legislation, and the practice of criminal law. Conference sessions will cover topics such as criminological theory, drugs and substance abuse, violence, policing, courts and the law, crime prevention, juvenile justice, measurement and methodology, restorative justice and criminal justice policy.

For further information: <http://www.asc41.com/caw.html>

Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Current Standards of Care **November 18, 2005 in Worcester, MA**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Suicide Prevention Program is sponsoring a professional training program for substance abuse clinicians who are called upon to assess the suicide lethality of their clients/patients. Participants will be taught recognition, assessment and intervention with suicidal behavior. Contact Janice.Ventre@state.ma.us for additional registration information.

For further information: <http://www.mass.gov/dph/fch/violence/>

Second Annual International Conference on Social Science Research **December 4-6, 2005 in Altamonte Springs, FL**

This interdisciplinary conference, sponsored by the Centre for Policy and Practice, will bring faculty members, research scientists, and professionals from the social sciences together to interact with colleagues from their field and from other social science fields. Topics include: public health, economics, elections and public opinion in America, race and education, drug policy and treatment, criminology, history, mental health and psychology.

For further information: <http://www.centrepp.org/socialscience.html>

Public Safety Training for Youth **December 12-14, 2005 Los Angeles, CA**

Constitutional Rights Foundation and Street Law, Inc. will provide participants with lessons and activities geared for middle school youth that engage them in learning about the role and purpose of law enforcement, the scope and limits of police authority, and what young people can do to improve public safety. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss a variety of strategies to engage youth in positive, productive learning experiences using a variety of curriculum materials.

For further information: http://crf-usa.org/ojjdp/sro_west.htm

Demonstrating the Value of America's Justice Initiatives: Northeast Regional Conference

December 13-14, 2005 in Newport, RI

Registration Deadline: November 21, 2005

Conference participants are provided the opportunity to meet with Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) program managers and other BJA staff. This conference will bring participants together to share ideas and solve problems regarding pressing law enforcement and justice issues affecting America's communities.

For further information: <http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html>

American Probation and Parole Association's Winter Training Institute

January 8-11, 2006 in Austin, TX

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) invites all correctional professionals to attend workshops, network, meet APPA staff, and view and compare the newest correctional products, technologies and services. Workshop topics include: community corrections, evidence-based practices, women on probation, correctional research, technology, juvenile justice, victim services and treatment.

For further information: http://www.appa-net.org/institutes/2006_austin/attend/default.htm

Building on Success: Providing Today's Youth with Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow

January 9-16, 2006 in Washington, DC

The 2006 National Conference is sponsored by the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Workshops will address the following themes:

- Trends in Victimization, Delinquency, and the Juvenile Justice System: Helping Youth With the Greatest Need
- Strengthening our families to develop our youth
- Holding programs and ourselves accountable
- Identifying what works
- Youth victimization and violence
- Mental health needs of youth in the system

For further information: <http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov/2006NationalConference/index.html>

20th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

January 23-27, 2006 in San Diego, CA

This conference will bring together professionals in the field of child/family abuse and domestic violence. Best practices and skill building workshops will be offered to those who are seeking the most up-to-date and advanced training. Workshops have been designed for attendees in the following fields: medicine, mental health, interviewing, child welfare, advocacy, law, law enforcement, education, family support, public policy and research.

For further information: http://www.chadwickcenter.org/SDConf_GeneralInfo.htm

In The News

Changes to Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) Policy and Form

On October 6th 2005 the Office of the State Comptroller released a new Interagency Service Agreement Form (ISA) and subsequently released a new ISA Policy. This policy has been changed to reflect updates to the ISA Form and the merging of the ISA Form and ISA Amendment into one document. The Comptroller's Office has requested that all new ISAs and amendments utilize the new form, though they will continue to accept the old form for a "reasonable period of time." At the request of the Comptroller's Office, any questions regarding this new policy or form should be sent to comptroller.info@state.ma.us.

Massachusetts Officially Adopts NIMS

Through Governor Romney's Executive Order #469, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) has been officially designated as the Commonwealth's incident management standard. New FY06 compliance requirements regarding NIMS outlining the important steps that state, territorial, tribal, and local entities must take during FY 2006 (October 1, 2005- September 30, 2006) to become fully compliant with the NIMS are now available. Jurisdictions will be required to meet the FY 2006 NIMS implementation requirements as a condition of receiving federal preparedness funding assistance in FY07.

For more information see: <http://www.fema.gov/nims/> **OR**
http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/hs/nims_executive_order.pdf.

Critics Say Homeland Security Law Shortchanges Cops

Lowell Sun, Oct 21, 2005

According to the Lowell Sun, President Bush recently signed a homeland-security bill that will dramatically decrease the amount of money used to prepare first responders for terrorist attacks. Police departments have seen significant lower amounts of federal funding with this amount representing a 17% cut from last year. In this new system, states will receive a minimum of \$7.1 million for first responders and the remaining portion will be distributed to specific cities or departments.

Access full text at: http://www.lowellsun.com/ci_3135156

MA Prosecutors Seek Longer Lock Ups for More Sex Offenders

Boston Globe, October 25, 2005

The Boston Globe reports that the Massachusetts prosecutors are attempting to keep convicted sex offenders locked up indefinitely using new state law that expands the pool of criminals considered potentially too dangerous to be released. Public outcry, in large part as a result of the murder of Alexandra Zapp, has been blamed for the recent increase in the number of petitions filed to commit soon-to-be released sex offenders for an indefinite term to the state Treatment Center in Bridgewater. Critics argue that it violates the constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy to indefinitely commit sex offenders after they complete their prison sentence.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/10/25/push_is_on_to_keep_sex_criminals_locked_up/

Lawmakers target shaken baby syndrome

Boston Globe, October 27, 2005

According to the Boston Globe, legislators, pediatricians, and parents are preparing a major effort to stop shaken baby syndrome, a form of child abuse that can result in severe brain damage or even death. Proposals are being reviewed on Beacon Hill that would educate every parent of a newborn about how to handle a crying, fussy baby without shaking him/her, which can have very serious effects on a baby.

Access Full Text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/10/27/lawmakers_target_shaken_baby_syndrome/

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